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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

Grossenhain Airfield

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 20 April to 2 May 1953DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1 DATE PREPARED 19 June 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Air activities and aircraft observed at Grossenhain airfield between 20 April and 2 May 1953 included:

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20 April: [REDACTED] a Po-2 made a 45-minute local training flight. [REDACTED] a Li-2 landed. [REDACTED] 20 MiG-15s or type-29 aircraft and one Li-2 were counted at the field.

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21 April: [REDACTED] a Po-2 was flying over the field. [REDACTED] flying was practiced by 6 MiG-15s, which took off in elements of two, 20 meters apart. [REDACTED]

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midnight, there was flying by MiG-15s. Aircraft counted at the field at [REDACTED] included 28 MiG-15s or type-29 aircraft fitted with auxiliary tanks and one Li-2.

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22 April: [REDACTED] single engine low-wing monoplanes made local flights. [REDACTED] jet fighters practiced flying in elements of two and four. [REDACTED] 33 MiG-15s or type-29 aircraft were observed at the field.

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23 April: [REDACTED] MiG-15s with auxiliary tanks took off for 5 or 6 minute flights in fair weather.

24 April: The weather was fair with a 2/10 overcast in the morning and a cloudless sky in the afternoon. [REDACTED] flying was by MiG-15s individually and in elements of two. [REDACTED], the following take-offs and landings were observed:

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## Landings

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[redacted] on 25 April, individual flights of 6 minutes duration and 20-minute flights in elements of two were observed. The weather was fair.

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30 April. There was no flying. Weather was clear and visibility good.

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22 April. In the morning, individual MiG-15s made local flights. At about [ ] the vapor trails of two swept-back jet fighters flying at a high altitude were seen. [ ] night flying was practiced with searchlights in action.

23 April. [ ] 3 MiG-15s practiced at high altitude flying.

24 April. There was flying in the morning. [ ] 2 MiG-15s were seen in the air, while 3 additional MiG-15s took off, flew a wide turn over the field and then disappeared. The return of these aircraft was not observed. [ ] a single-engine monoplane landed.

26 April. No flying was observed.

27 April. There was local flying by MiG-15s almost throughout the day. [ ] probably MiG-15s, which were parked south of the eastern hangar.

28 April. There was no day flying in rainy weather. [ ] searchlights were in action and aircraft were flying in the beams of searchlights.

30 April to 2 May. There was no flying. Weather was generally fair.<sup>1</sup>

4. In late April, work was done on the revetments which were now of a dirty gray colour and no longer a bright yellow as observed before.<sup>2</sup> Motor

5. [ ] on 30 April, there was no flying at the field. Seven MiG-15s and type-29 aircraft were parked north of the runway. No aircraft were seen in the revetments. [ ]

[ ] with driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets

Jeep

[ ] with driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets

1. [ ] Comment. According to available information, Grossenhain airfield is occupied by the headquarters of a fighter division and two fighter regiments. There was no change in the pattern of air activity. Aircraft

1952. It is believed that these aircraft were transferred to Grossenhain.

2. [ ] Comment. During the past months, shipments of concrete slabs have repeatedly arrived at Grossenhain. These slabs were used to reinforce the outer walls of the revetments.

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